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SUBJECT: JAPAN COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR S/R BOSWORTH, S/E KIM,
AND DELEGATION, DECEMBER 12-13, 2009

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ACCORDINGLY.

¶1. (U) Embassy warmly welcomes and grants country clearance
to Special Representative for North Korea Policy Stephen W.
Bosworth, Special Envoy for Six-Party Talks Sung Kim, and
their delegation for their December 12-13, 2009, visit to
Japan.

¶2. (U) Control Officer for the visit will be Political
Officer Emmett "Jerome" Ryan. He can be reached at:

Office phone: (81-3)3224-5343
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E-mail: RyanEJ@state.gov (unclassified)

Hotel Reservations

¶3. (U) Tokyo hotel reservations have been made at the
Imperial Hotel Tokyo, 1-1 Uchisaiwai-cho, 1-chome,
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8558, Tel: (81-3) 3504-1111 Fax: (81-3)
3504-9146. Details as follows:

Name: Ambassador Stephen W. Bosworth
Arrive: December 12, 2009
Depart: December 13, 2009
Conf. No.: 3197745

Name: Ambassador Sung Y. Kim
Arrive: December 12, 2009
Depart: December 13, 2009
Conf. No.: 3197746

Name: Mr. Eric Richardson
Arrive: December 12, 2009
Depart: December 13, 2009
Conf. No.: 3197748

Name: Mr. Daniel R. Russel
Arrive: December 12, 2009
Depart: December 13, 2009
Conf. No.: 3198336

Name: Mr. Charles D. Lutes
Arrive: December 12, 2009
Depart: December 13, 2009
Conf. No.: 3197749

Name: DASD Michael Schiffer
Arrive: December 12, 2009

Depart: December 13, 2009
Conf. No.: 3197750

Transportation to/from Hotel

¶4. (U) Control officer and Political Minister Counselor Robert Luke will meet and greet the delegation at the Yokota Air Base.

Visa

¶5. (U) Holders of U.S. diplomatic or official passports must have a Japanese visa to enter Japan. Travelers on a U.S. tourist (blue cover) passport may enter Japan as a tourist without a Japanese visa for up to 90 days. As of November 20, 2007, all foreign nationals entering Japan, with the exemption of certain categories, are required to provide fingerprints and a facial photograph at the port of entry. This requirement does not replace any existing visa or passport requirements. Official U.S. travelers will have to submit to the photograph and fingerprinting requirement unless they travel with a valid diplomatic or official visa or a Note Verbale. The nature of the passport onto which the visa is pasted is not relevant, i.e. a tourist passport holder with a diplomatic or official visa will not have to submit to the biometrics collection process. SOFA personnel are exempt under SOFA Article 9 (2) from the new biometrics entry requirements.

Embassy Laptop Policy

¶6. (U) Official visitors are reminded that personally owned or non-controlled USG-issued electronic equipment (including all PDAs, cell phones, pagers, radios, records) may not enter the controlled access areas. Additionally, all classified and sensitive materials must be secured at the embassy visit control office upon arrival in country.

Threat Assessment

¶7. (U) U.S. Government facilities worldwide remain at a heightened state of alert. As the U.S. Government has reported in public announcements over the last several months, U.S. citizens and interests abroad may be at increased risk of terrorist actions from extremist groups, which may target civilians and include suicide operations. The Department maintains information about potential threats to Americans overseas which is available to travelers on the internet at the Bureau of Consular Affairs home page: <http://www.travel.state.gov>. The Embassy takes all threats seriously. U.S. Embassy Tokyo can be contacted 24 hours a day at 03-3224-5000 (locally) or 81-3-3224-5000 (internationally).

¶8. (U) The general threat from crime in Tokyo and throughout Japan is low. Crime is at levels well below the U.S. national average. Violent crime is rare, but does exist. The Japanese National Police report continued problems with pick-pocketing of foreigners in crowded shopping areas of Tokyo. Although street crime is low, common sense security measures are advised for all American citizens traveling in Japan.

¶9. (U) Also be advised that under no circumstances may weapons be brought into Japan. Carrying a pocketknife (including Swiss Army-style knife, craft or hunting knife, box cutter, etc.) in public is forbidden. Under Japanese law, carrying any such item in public, with a size exceeding 8 cm in length, 1.5 cm in width or 2 mm in thickness, can subject the person to arrest or detention.

